

Classifying with our own criteria

living-things

What you need: Irish wildlife photo cards (badger, heron, earthworm, bee, fern, oak, frog) · A4 plain or ruled paper (master branching-key sheet) · pencils

Words to use

Classify · Branching key · Criteria

Our question

Can we build a multi-step branching key for our seven Irish living things that another group can follow?

I predict...because...

Words to sort

badger · heron · earthworm · bee · fern · oak · frog

Groups choose and justify their own criteria from kind of living thing, habitat, body parts or movement, and diet (animals only after plants are split off; omnivores and detritivores switch to another feature), using the concrete board examples.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Which question split the set best?

Which question would you change before another group uses this key?

